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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants which are or may be related to the patentability of the claimed invention, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA through AG, which are listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449.

References AA through AF were cited on December 11, 2002 in the PCT Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/US02/27140. The PCT Search Report is enclosed as reference AG. Note that current references AA and AE were previously disclosed in Applicant's second Information Disclosure Statement as references BB and DZ, respectively. These references are cited in the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 for completeness. However, new copies of these references are not provided. Copies of references AB through AD, AF and AG are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Identification of the above-listed references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since that form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior

Art.” As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a “Revised Form PTO 1449” entitled “List of References Cited by Applicant.”

As noted above, references AA and AE were previously disclosed in Applicants’ first and second information disclosure statements. Further, references AB through AD and AF were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, Applicants estimate that no fee is due. However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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